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During the first three weeks of May 1942, frequent heavy rains were general over the Delaware and Lackawanna River Basins. Particularly heavy storms occurred during the period May 20-23, which culminated in crest stages on most streams approximating or exceeding those of recent history.

On the Schuylkill River at Reading, the flood crest was the third highest recorded since 1757; it was the second highest in 156 years of record on the Lehigh River; and by far the highest known to present generations along the Lackawaxen River. Serious flooding also occurred along the Lackawanna and Upper Delaware tributaries.

The preliminary estimate of the direct losses attributed to the floods of May 1942 in Pennsylvania has been placed at \$15,000,000. Thirty-three persons lost their lives, 35 bridges were washed out and 22 state highway routes were damaged; 10 small dams failed; there was serious damage to railroads and some municipal water systems were temporarily placed out of commission.

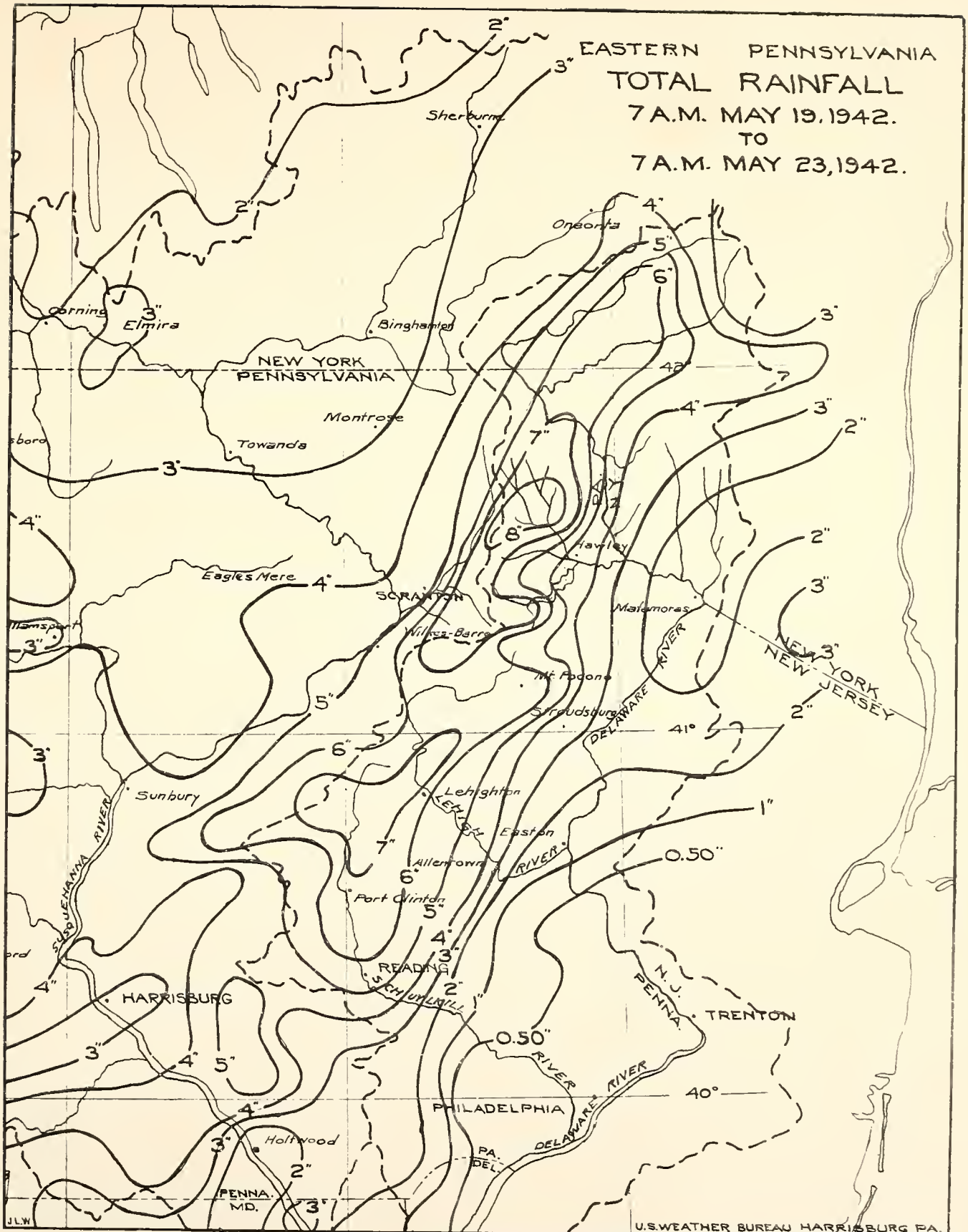
While many sections were seriously inundated by the flood, the greatest devastation occurred in the Lackawaxen River Basin, particularly Honesdale, where the central section of the town was inundated to a depth of 5 or 6 feet. In the Lackawaxen Basin alone, 24 persons were drowned and the damage has been estimated at \$6,000,000.

Meteorological analysis of the storm, daily and hourly records of precipitation from all gaging stations in the area and other pertinent information on rainfall has been collected by the Hydro-climatic Unit of the United States Weather Bureau in cooperation with the United States Army Engineers and the United States Department of Agriculture. The data are accessible at the United States Weather Bureau offices at

Albany, N. Y. and Harrisburg, Pa., and are available to cooperating parties in a special publication of this organization.

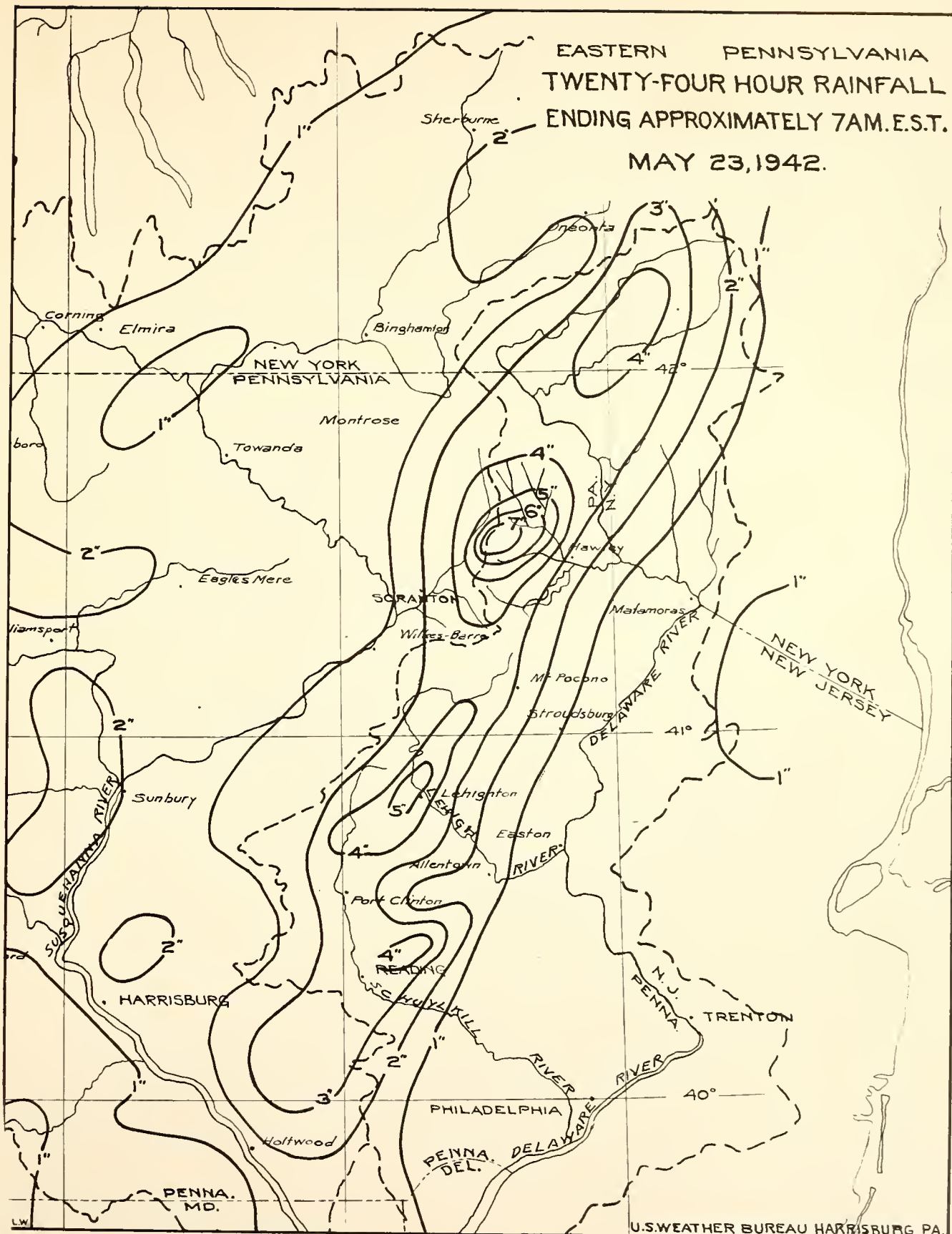
The maps of precipitation in this report were furnished by the United States Weather Bureau, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
TOTAL RAINFALL
7 A.M. MAY 19, 1942.
TO
7 A.M. MAY 23, 1942.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR RAINFALL
 ENDING APPROXIMATELY 7AM. E.S.T.

MAY 23, 1942.



FLOOD DISCHARGES

It is worthy of note that, although records indicate rainfall of as much as five to seven inches falling on May 22nd over some of the flood area, the maximum run-off rate was well below rates which occurred during past floods in other sections of Pennsylvania. A large portion of the area where the heaviest rainfall occurred is glacial, containing numerous lakes and ponds, so that a considerable portion of the rainfall was absorbed and the run-off retarded due to storage. In making miscellaneous spillway determinations of flood flow, the absence of recording gages on the dams, in most instances, prevented an accurate analysis of the relation between storage and run-off rates.

The results of the determination of the maximum discharges reached at regular gaging stations, at dams, and at miscellaneous points are presented in tabular form and in the diagram. In most instances, regular gaging stations in the Delaware River Basin in Pennsylvania and New York are listed regardless of whether flood stage was reached. They not only summarize pertinent information on the flood of May 1942, but also give, for comparative purposes, similar data for the greatest previously recorded flood. At regular gaging stations, where ratings were defined by current-meter measurements, the discharges are shown with their corresponding gage heights, which readily separate them from miscellaneous determinations made by other methods in the May 1942 flood.

The diagram shows all May 1942 flood discharge determinations in terms of second-feet per square mile plotted against their corresponding drainage areas. In addition, enveloping curves based upon all flood discharge records relating to Pennsylvania Streams made prior to the May 1942 flood are shown.

The enveloping curve for all drainage basins is the same as the curve developed by Mangan from records given in the special publication "Flood Discharge Records Relating to Pennsylvania Streams, 1938" and shown on pages 36 and 37 of that report.

The Delaware Basin enveloping curve is based on all flood discharge determinations in the Delaware Basin in Pennsylvania and New York and on the main Delaware River prior to the May 1942 flood. It will be noted that only two determinations made in May 1942 exceeded this curve; namely, Lackawaxen River at Hawley, Pa. and Equinunk Creek at Equinunk, Pa.

All flood determinations at locations in New York were furnished by the United States Geological Survey, Albany, New York, in cooperation with the New York City Board of Water Supply. The determinations at the three locations along the Delaware River (except Port Jervis) were furnished by the United States Geological Survey, Trenton, New Jersey, in cooperation with the New Jersey Water Policy Commission. All miscellaneous discharge determinations were analyzed and reviewed by Hollister Johnson of the United States Geological Survey before final values were accepted.

Records at the recently established gaging stations on the East Branch of Delaware River at Downsville, N. Y., Platte Kill at Dunraven, N. Y., and Neversink River at Neversink, N. Y. are not included in the tables.

FLOOD DISCHARGES
MAY 1942

| Stream | Location | County | Drainage Area (sq. mi.) | Date of earliest record | Maximum previously recorded | | | | Maximum May 22-24, 1942 | | | | Method of Determination |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | Date | Gage height (feet) | Discharge | | Day | Gage height (feet) | Discharge | | |
| | | | | | | | c.f.s. | c.s.m. | | | c.f.s. | c.s.m. | |
| <u>SUSQUEHANNA BASIN</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lackawanna River | Stillwater Dam nr. Forest City, Pa. | Susquehanna | 38.8 | | | | | | 22 | | 2,530 | 65 | B |
| Lackawanna River | at Archbald, Pa. | Susquehanna | 108 | 1940 | Mar. 31, 1940 | 7.36 | 4,710 | 44 | 22 | 10.80 | 9,510 | 88 | AD |
| Lackawanna River | at Old Forge, Pa. | Lackawanna | 332 | 1936 | Mar. 31, 1940 | 11.86 | 14,000 | 42 | 23 | 15.70 | 20,900 | 63 | AD |
| Lackawanna River | at Duryee, Pa. | Luzerna | 345 | | | | | | 23 | | 22,000 | 64 | A |
| Spring Brook | Wetres Dam at Rockdale, Pa. | Lackawanna | 15.7 | | | | | | | | 2,120 | 135 | B |
| Spring Brook | Neabitt Dam nr. Rockdale, Pa. | Lackawanna | 36.0 | | | | | | | | 7,500 | 208 | B |
| Spring Brook | Intake Dam nr. Moosic, Pa. | Lackawanna | 43.2 | | | | | | | | 8,920 | 206 | B |
| <u>DELAWARE BASIN</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E.Br.Delaware River | at Margaretville, N.Y. | Delaware | 163 | 1937 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 11.74 | 13,200 | 81 | 23 | 3.67 | 1,480 | 9.1 | D |
| E.Br.Delaware River | at Harvard, N. Y. | Delaware | 443 | 1934 | Sept. 22, 1938 | 16.93 | 31,400 | 71 | 23 | 14.62 | 21,600 | 49 | D |
| E.Br.Delaware River | at Fishs Eddy, N. Y. | Delaware | 783 | 1903 | Oct. 9, 1903 | 23.6 | 70,000 | 89 | 23 | 17.18 | 36,300 | 46 | D |
| Delaware River | nr. Barryville, N. Y. | Sullivan | 2,023 | 1936 | Mar. 1936 | 20.5 | 96,000 | 47 | 23 | 23.19 | 122,000 | 60 | AD |
| Delaware River | at Port Jervis, N. Y. | Orange | 3,076 | 1841 | Oct. 10, 1903 | 23.1 | 155,000 | 50 | 23 | 17.75 | 140,000 | 46 | D |
| Delaware River | at Montague, N. J. | Sussex | 3,469 | 1841 | Oct. 10, 1903 | 31.1 | *217,000 | 63 | 23 | 25.70 | 147,000 | 42 | D |
| Delaware River | at Belvidere, N. J. | Warren | 4,542 | 1781 | Oct. 10, 1903 | 28.6 | 220,000 | 48 | 24 | 20.97 | 134,000 | 30 | D |
| Delaware River | at Riegelsville, N.J. | Warren | 6,344 | 1781 | Oct. 10, 1903 | 35.9 | 275,000 | 43 | 24 | 27.50 | 164,000 | 26 | D |
| Delaware River | at Trenton, N. J. | Mercer | 6,796 | 1781 | Oct. 10, 1903 | 20.7 | 295,000 | 43 | 24 | 13.35 | 161,000 | 24 | D |
| Mill Brook | at Arena, N. Y. | Delaware | 25.0 | 1937 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 7.6 | 64,500 | 180 | 23 | 6.06 | 730 | 29 | D |
| Tremper Kill | nr. Shevartown, N.Y. | Delaware | 33.0 | 1937 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 7.12 | 4,250 | 129 | 23 | 4.47 | 1,100 | 33 | D |
| Terry Clove Kill | nr. Papacton, N. Y. | Delaware | 14.1 | 1937 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 6.2 | 61,700 | 121 | 23 | 5.49 | 4,160 | 295 | AD |
| Fall Clove Kill | nr. Papacton, N. Y. | Delaware | 10.9 | 1941 | | | | | 23 | 6.1 | 956 | 88 | A |
| Downs Brook | at Downs ville, N. Y. | Delaware | 17.4 | | | | | | 23 | | 4,940 | 284 | A |
| Willow Hollow Brook | at Downs ville, N. Y. | Delaware | 8.5 | | | | | | 23 | | 850 | 100 | A |
| Beaver Kill | at Craigie Clair, N.Y. | Sullivan | 82 | 1937 | Aug. 11, 1938 | 10.11 | 9,530 | 116 | 23 | 7.00 | 2,750 | 34 | D |
| Beaver Kill | at Coaka Falls, N. Y. | Delaware | 241 | 1913 | Mar. 18, 1936 | 15.02 | 21,300 | 88 | 23 | 9.26 | 6,920 | 29 | D |
| Willowmac Creek | nr. Livingston Manor, N. Y. | Sullivan | 63 | 1937 | Aug. 11, 1938 | 7.87 | 6,200 | 98 | 23 | 4.61 | 2,290 | 36 | D |

FLOOD DISCHARGES
MAY 1942

| Stream | Location | County | Drainage Area (sq.mi.) | Date of earliest record | Maximum previously recorded | | | | Maximum May 22-24, 1942 | | | | Method of Determination | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Date | Gage height (feet) | Discharge | | Day | Gage height (feet) | Discharge | | | |
| | | | | | | | c.f.s. | c.s.m. | | | c.f.s. | c.s.m. | | |
| DELAWARE BASIN (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Beaver Kill | nr. Livingston Manor, N. Y. | Sullivan | 19.8 | 1924 | Aug. 26, 1928 | 8.7 | 2,500 | 126 | 23 | 4.06 | 820 | 41 | D | |
| Trout Brook | et Peakville, N. Y. | Delaware | 18.4 | | | | | | 23 | | 3,320 | 180 | A | |
| Fish Creek | at Fishs Eddy, N. Y. | Delaware | 11.4 | | | | | | 23 | | 2,510 | 220 | A | |
| W.Br. Delaware River | at Delhi, N. Y. | Delaware | 142 | 1937 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 8.81 | 8,940 | 63 | 23 | 7.48 | 5,280 | 37 | D | |
| W.Br. Delaware River | at Hale Eddy, N. Y. | Delaware | 593 | 1903 | Oct. 10, 1903 | 20.3 | 46,000 | 78 | 23 | 14.52 | 21,900 | 37 | D | |
| Little Delaware River | nr. Delhi, N. Y. | Delaware | 49.8 | 1937 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 8.5 | 3,280 | 66 | 23 | 6.93 | 2,580 | 52 | ACD | |
| Steele Brook | nr. Delhi, N. Y. | Delaware | 5.4 | | July, 1935 | | 2,950 | 528 | 23 | | 973 | 180 | B | |
| Trout Creek | at Cannonville, N.Y. | Delaware | 49.5 | 1940 | Aug. 1, 1941 | 8.79 | 3,470 | 70 | 23 | 7.72 | 2,390 | 48 | D | |
| Oquega Creek | at Deposit, N. Y. | Broome | 66 | 1940 | Dec. 28, 1940 | 5.52 | 1,580 | 24 | 23 | 7.21 | 2,500 | 38 | AD | |
| Shehawken Creek | nr. Starlight, Pa. | Wayne | 13.0 | | | | | | | | 3,350 | 258 | A | |
| Equinunk Creek | nr. Equinunk, Pa. | Wayne | 57.4 | | | | | | | | 18,800 | 328 | C | |
| Kinneyville Creek | at Lake Como, Pa. | Wayne | 3.98 | | | | | | | | 300 | 75 | B | |
| Hoolihan Brook | et Long Eddy, N. Y. | Delaware | 4.6 | | | | | | 23 | | 1,660 | 361 | A | |
| Basket Creek | nr. Long Eddy, N. Y. | Sullivan | 23.4 | | | | | | 23 | | 5,340 | 228 | A | |
| Calicoon Creek | at Calicoon, N. Y. | Sullivan | 111 | 1940 | Sept. 1, 1940 | 5.59 | 2,910 | 26 | 23 | 5.22 | 3,760 | 34 | D | |
| Lackawaxen River | at Hawley, Pa. | Wayne | 290 | 1909 | Mar. 18, 1936 | 13.9 | 27,600 | 95 | 23 | 20.13 | 250,000 | 172 | AD | |
| Waymart Br. | Stanton Pond, Pa. | Wayne | 2.67 | | | | | | | | 438 | 164 | B | |
| Lackawaxen River | nr. Waymart, Pa. | Wayne | 15.1 | | | | | | | | 2,890 | 191 | B | |
| Waymart Br. | Keen Pond, Pa. | Wayne | 28.2 | | | | | | | | 8,770 | 311 | B | |
| Lackawaxen River | nr. Waymart, Pa. | Wayne | | | | | | | | | 157 | 218 | B | |
| W.Br. Dyberry Creek | et Tanners Falls, Pa. | Wayne | 0.72 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unnamed Creek | nr. Tanners Falls, Pa. | Wayne | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carley Brook | nr. Honesdale, Pa. | Wayne | 12.3 | | | | | | | | 1,920 | 156 | B | |
| Middle Creek | Brunson Dam | Wayne | 3.06 | | | | | | 23 | | 512 | 167 | B | |
| Middle Creek | nr. South Caneau, Pa. | Wayne | 5.19 | | | | | | 23 | | 1,910 | 368 | B | |
| Middle Creek | Lake Quinalgemund | Wayne | 8.59 | | | | | | | | 1,110 | 129 | B | |
| Wangum Creek | nr. South Caneau, Pa. | Wayne | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | nr. Hawley, Pa. | Wayne | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W.Br. Wallenpaupack Creek | nr. Newfoundland, Pa. | Wayne | 68.9 | | | | | | | | 7,720 | 112 | A | |
| Wallenpaupack Creek | nr. Newfoundland, Pa. | Wayne | 75.4 | | | | | | | | 10,600 | 141 | A | |

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MAY 1942

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| <u>DELAWARE BASIN</u> (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Neversink River | at Hells Mills, N. Y. | Sullivan | 68 | 1937 | Oct. 23, 1937 | 10.37 | 13,000 | 191 | 23 | 4.08 | 2,830 | 42 | D | |
| Neversink River | at Woodbourne, N. Y. | Sullivan | 113 | 1937 | July 22, 1938 | 11.2 | 12,300 | 109 | 23 | 6.02 | 3,690 | 33 | D | |
| Neversink River | at Oakland Valley, N. Y. | Sullivan | 222 | 1928 | Aug. 24, 1933 | 12.61 | 20,000 | 90 | 23 | 6.58 | 4,760 | 21 | D | |
| Neversink River | at Codeffroy, N. Y. | Orange | 302 | 1937 | July 22, 1938 | 10.73 | 16,100 | 53 | 23 | 7.04 | 4,880 | 16 | D | |
| Bushkill Creek | at Shoemakers, Pa. | Monroe | 117 | 1908 | July 24, 1920 | 7.2 | 3,910 | 33 | 23 | 4.18 | 1,580 | 14 | D | |
| Lehigh River | Harvey Lake at Gouldsboro, Pa. | Wayne | 3.61 | | | | | | 22 | | 281 | 78 | B | |
| Lehigh River | West End Pond at Gouldsboro, Pa. | Wayne | 16.6 | | | | | | 22 | | 357 | 22 | B | |
| Lehigh River | at Stoddardsville, Pa. | Luzerne | 103 | | | | | | 22 | | 9,790 | 95 | C | |
| Lehigh River | at White Haven, Pa. | Luzerne | 311 | | | | | | 22 | | 25,400 | 82 | B | |
| Lehigh River | at Tannery, Pa. | Carbon | 322 | 1914 | Mar. 12, 1936 | 13.34 | 20,000 | 62 | 22 | 16.51 | 29,600 | 92 | D | |
| Lehigh River | at Bowmanstown, Pa. | Carbon | 742 | | | | | | 23 | | 54,400 | 73 | B | |
| Lehigh River | at Bethlehem, Pa. | Northampton | 1,280 | 1786 | Feb. 28, 1902 | 24.9 | 85,000 | 66 | 23 | 23.47 | 92,000 | 72 | D | |
| Tobyhanna Creek | nr. Blakeslee, Pa. | Monroe | 118 | | | | | | 23 | | 7,070 | 60 | A | |
| Bear Creek | at Bear Creek, Pa. | Luzerne | 35.0 | | | | | | 22 | | 6,010 | 172 | B | |
| Black Creek | nr. Weatherly, Pa. | Carbon | 55.0 | | | | | | | | 8,160 | 148 | A | |
| Pohopoco Creek | nr. Parryville, Pa. | Carbon | 110 | 1940 | July 8, 1941 | 4.85 | 2,280 | 21 | 23 | 7.42 | 5,300 | 48 | D | |
| Wild Creek | at Hatchery, Pa. | Carbon | 16.6 | 1941 | July 8, 1941 | 5.50 | 1,000 | 60 | 23 | 6.00 | 1,250 | 75 | D | |
| Wild Creek | at Wild Creek Reservoir, Pa. | Carbon | 22.2 | | | | | | 23 | | 1,440 | 65 | B | |
| Aquashicola Creek | at Palmerton, Pa. | Carbon | 77.0 | 1939 | Mar. 15, 1940 | 10.03 | 4,550 | 59 | 23 | 8.10 | 2,910 | 38 | D | |
| Tohickon Creek | nr. Pipersville, Pa. | Bucks | 97.4 | 1935 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 9.11 | 11,000 | 113 | 23 | 2.06 | 140 | 1.4 | D | |
| Neshaminy Creek | nr. Langhorne, Pa. | Bucks | 210 | 1933 | Aug. 23, 1933 | 17.3 | 30,000 | 143 | 22 | 1.09 | 63 | 0.3 | CD | |
| Schuylkill River | at Pottstown, Pa. | Montgomery | 1,147 | 1893 | Feb. 28, 1902 | 21.0 | 53,900 | 47 | 23 | 20.15 | 50,800 | 44 | D | |
| Schuylkill River | at Philadelphia, Pa. | Philadelphia | 1,893 | 1869 | Oct. 4, 1869 | 17.0 | 135,000 | 71 | 24 | 12.44 | 60,300 | 32 | D | |
| Little Schuylkill River | at Tamaqua, Pa. | Schuylkill | 42.9 | 1916 | Aug. 24, 1933 | 7.50 | 3,740 | 87 | 22 | 7.94 | 5,810 | 135 | AD | |
| Little Schuylkill River | nr. Tamaqua, Pa. | Schuylkill | 58.8 | | | | | | 22 | | 7,960 | 135 | A | |
| Catawbaing Creek | nr. West Lawn, Pa. | Berks | 21.0 | | | | | | | | 3,540 | 169 | B | |

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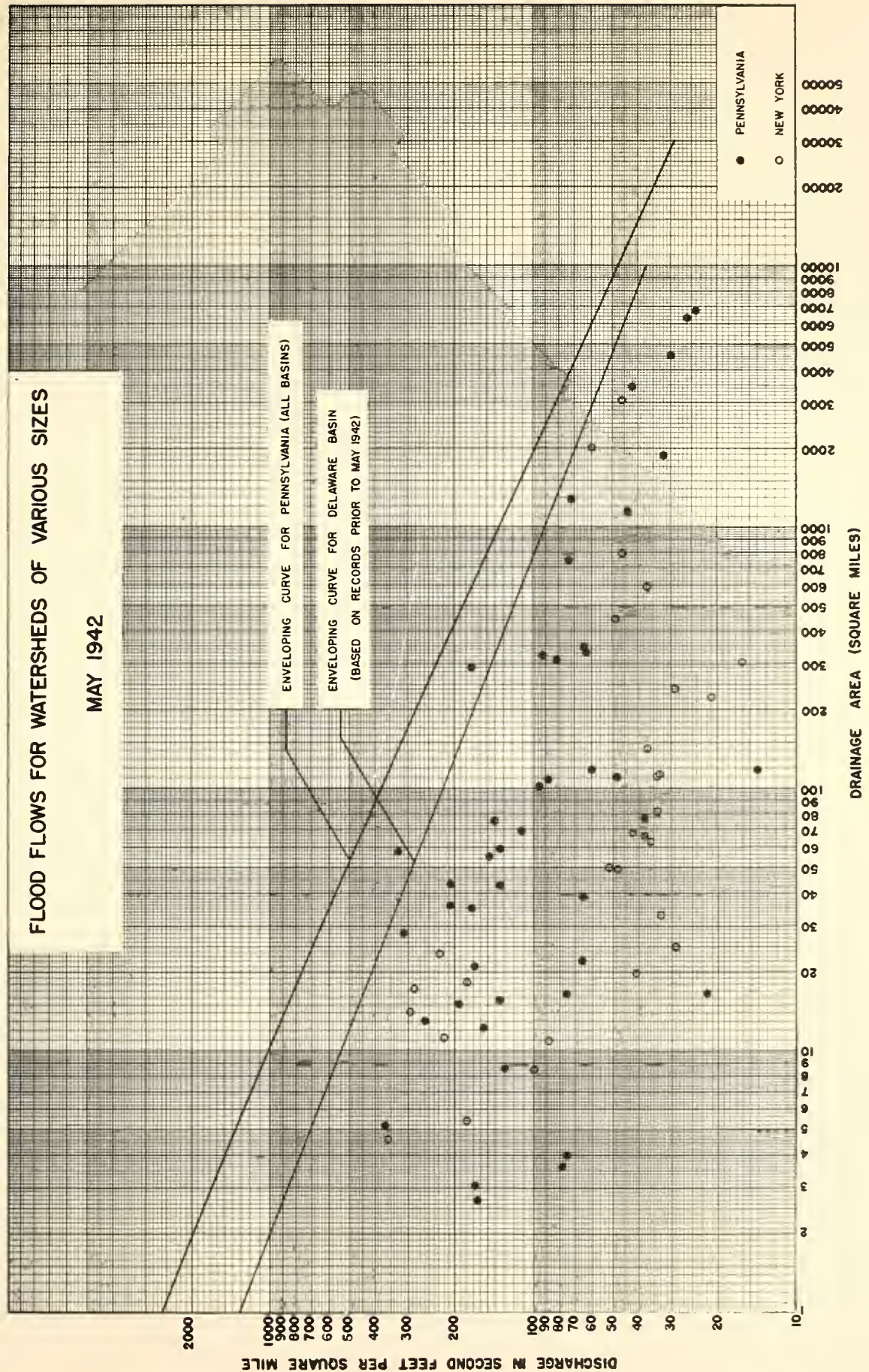
| Stream | Location | County | Drainage of Area (sq.mi.) | Date of earliest record | Maximum previously recorded | | | | Maximum May 22-24, 1942 | | | | Method of Determination |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|
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| | | | | | | | c.f.s. | c.s.m. | | | c.f.s. | c.s.m. | |
| DELAWARE BASIN (Continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Perkiomen Creek | et Graters Ford, Pa. | Montgomery | 279 | 1914 | July 9, 1935 | 18.26 | 41,200 | 148 | 23 | 3.09 | 1,110 | 4.0 | D |
| Ridley Creek | et Moylan, Pa. | Delaware | 31.9 | 1931 | July 23, 1938 | 8.16 | 4,500 | 141 | 23 | 1.16 | 9.3 | 0.3 | D |
| Chester Creek | nr. Chester, Pa. | Delaware | 61.1 | 1931 | Aug. 23, 1933 | 11.48 | 4,270 | 70 | 23 | 1.00 | 41 | 0.7 | D |
| Brandywine Creek | at Chadds Ford, Pa. | Delaware | 287 | 1911 | March 1920 | 15.0 | 30,500 | 106 | 23 | 6.44 | 2,770 | 10 | D |

METHOD OF DETERMINATION

- A-Slope-Area.
- B-Flow over Spillway.
- C-Contracted-opening.
- D-Rating Curve from Current Meter Measurements.
- *-Estimate.
- a-Discharge exceeds Delaware Basin enveloping curve.
- b-At former site and datum.
- c-Revised from 23.3 feet on Basis of Information from U. S. Weather Bureau in 1940.

Note.-Symbol D used with another symbol indicates determination from rating curve extended, based on other methods of determination.

May 31, 1942



FLOOD HEIGHTS

The tabulations which follow give the crest heights along the Delaware, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Lackawanna and Lackawaxen Rivers not only for the May 1942 flood but, for comparative purposes, all previously known recorded major floods along those rivers.

It should be borne in mind that there is always some doubt as to the accuracy of the early flood heights. In later years, particularly since the turn of the century, gages established on most of our important rivers where daily readings were obtained, with more frequent observations at times of floods. Today, all principal river stations are equipped with water-stage recorders that furnish continuous records of river heights and eliminate all uncertainty as to accuracy.

From the greater number of flood height records listed for the more recent years one might mistakenly infer that floods have been increasing in number if not in magnitude, particularly since the latter part of the 19th century. There is no evidence that floods occurred less frequently in the earlier part of the period covered by the record. A more logical explanation of the predominance of records in recent years is that, in the earlier period, the greatest floods made a more lasting impression and consequently the records have been preserved; whereas those of lesser significance were lost in the intervening years.

River distances in miles are given in the tables for all locations in order that crest elevations may be interpolated for intervening points. Flood profiles may also be developed from the data if desired.

The crest heights are shown as elevations in feet above mean sea level, Sandy Hook Datum. The elevations are based on the latest information available as to the results of adjustments to the precise

level nets. All elevations in any one column were taken on the same structure or group of structures.

At locations where river gages have been maintained, the zero of the gage and the flood stage are given where this information is known.

The Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania made an exhaustive study of historic floods in Pennsylvania and published the results of their work in Part VIII of the Water Resources Inventory Report in 1914. Many of the flood heights of the earlier floods given in the latter publication were converted into elevations above mean sea level for use in this report.

The United States Engineer Offices of Philadelphia and Wilkes-Barre have aided in the preparation of the tabulations by furnishing many flood elevations obtained in their districts.

August 7, 1942

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Delaware River, (Morrisville, Pa. to Stockton, N.J.)

| Miles from initial point | -0.15 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 5.05 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 13.5 | 13.7 | 14.3 | 14.4 | 17.5 | 18.0 |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Zero of gage | | 7.77 | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.11 | | | 0.04 |
| Flood Stage | | 19.8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | 0.15 mi. below Calhoun Street MORRISVILLE, PA. 465 N. Delmar Ave. | Calhoun St. TRENTON, N.J. Gage | YARDLEY, PA. Highway Bridge | SCUDDER'S FALLS, N. J. Bungalow Colony | SCUDDER'S FALLS, N. J. White's Farm | 0.4 mi. above Washington Crossing, N. J. Steele residence | TITUSVILLE, N. J. Canning factory | NEW HOPE, PA. Union Paper Mill | NEW HOPE, PA. Canal Lock | LAMBERTVILLE, N.J. Highway Bridge | NEW HOPE, PA. Borden residence | STOCKTON, N. J. Highway Bridge | STOCKTON, N. J. Smith Mill |
| 1786, October..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1841, January..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1846, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1857, May..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1862, June..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1865, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1869, October..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1878, December..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1895, April..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1901, December..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1902, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1903, October..... | 27.8 *30.3 | | 39.1 | 44.4 | 44.8 | a46.2 a47.4 52.0 | a49.4 53.8 | 66.8 | 63.4 68.3 | 65.1 66.1 70.1 | 70.3 | 81.7 | 77.7 77.7 79.2 80.1 84.2 |
| 1904, March..... | | *30.6 | | | | | | | | 61.8 | | | |
| 1907, December..... | | 21.1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1913, March..... | | 19.8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1914, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1923, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1924, April..... | | 19.6 | | | | | | | | 61.1 | | | |
| 1924, October..... | | 20.3 | | | | | | | | 62.6 | | | |
| 1925, February..... | | 20.8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933, August..... | | 20.4 | | | | | | | | 62.0 | | | |
| 1934, March..... | | *22.0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1935, July..... | | 19.5 | | | | | | | | 60.0 | | | |
| 1936, January..... | | *23.9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936, March 12-13. | | 23.1 | | | | | | | | 65.3 | | | |
| 1936, March 18-19. | | 24.4 | | | | | | | | 67.1 | | | |
| 1938, September... | 23.7 | 19.2 | 35.8 | 41.7 | | 46.7 48.6 | 48.6 50.6 | 63.8 | 64.6 | 65.3 67.1 60.4 | 67.2 | 79.7 70.4 73.0 74.8 | 81.8 |
| 1940, April..... | | 20.6 | 29.8 | | | 42.7 | | | | 62.6 | | | |
| 1942, May..... | | 21.1 | 32.4 | | | 43.5 | | | | 63.3 | | | |

*Affected by ice.

aDate of flood somewhat doubtful.

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Delaware River, (Lumberville, Pa. to Easton, Pa.)

| Miles from initial point | 20.0 | 21.1 | 22.6 | 25.5 | 27.6 | 27.9 | 33.1 | 40.0 | 48.5 | 48.6 | 48.9 | 49.3 | 49.7 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Zero of Gage | | | -0.48 | | | | 99.83 | 125.12 | | | 100.21 | | |
| Flood Stage | | | | | | | | | | | 122.2 | | |
| Date | LUMBERVILLE, PA. Taylor Mill | LUMBERVILLE, PA. Lumberville Bridge 0.2 mi. above the Lumberman's Lumber Mill | POINT PLEASANT, PA. Highway Bridge | S. J. Ridge Store TREASURE ISLAND, PA. | ERWINNA, PA. Storer Mill | 1.8 mi. below French Town Bridge ERWINNA, PA. Erwinna Road boat house | MILFORD, PA. Highway Bridge | Highway Bridge RIEGLSTVILLE, N. J. Gage | EASTON, PA. Kaubler Brewery | 0.2 mi. below Mouth Lehigh River PHILIPSBURG, N. J. C.R.R. of N. J. Bridge | Old Highway Bridge EASTON, PA. W. B. Gage | EASTON, PA. Wilson Bros. Mfg. Co. | EASTON, PA. Easton Pumping Sta. |
| 1786, October.... | 87.0 | | | | | | 132.5 | | | 187.1 | | | |
| 1841, January.... | | | | 107.2 | | | 127.2 | | | | | | |
| 1846, March..... | | | | | | | 131.8 | | | | | | |
| 1857, May..... | 86.8 | 92.0 | | 106.5 | | | 128.3 | | | | | | |
| 1862, June..... | | 88.1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1865, March..... | | 90.4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1869, October.... | | 89.5 | | 104.0 | | | 129.3 | | | | | | |
| 1878, December... | | 89.5 | | 104.0 | | | 129.1 | | | | | | |
| 1895, April..... | 84.5 | 90.7 | | 105.0 | 110.3 | | 130.2 | | | | | | |
| 1901, December... | | 92.0 | | 106.3 | 112.4 | | 131.2 | | | | | | |
| 1902, March..... | 86.6 | 96.1 | 101.7 | 110.6 | 117.2 | 118.4 | 135.6 | 161.0 | 190.4 | 191.2 | 193.5 | 194.3 | 194.8 |
| 1903, October.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1904, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1907, December... | | | | | | | 127.7 | | | | | | |
| 1913, March..... | | | | | | | | 148.1 | | | | | |
| 1914, March..... | | | | | | | | 150.1 | | | | | |
| 1923, March..... | | | | | | | | 148.5 | | | | | |
| 1924, April..... | | | | | | | | 148.2 | | | | | |
| 1924, October.... | | | | | | | | 149.3 | | | | | |
| 1925, February... | | | | | | | | 148.9 | | | | | |
| 1933, August..... | | | | | | | | 150.1 | | | | | |
| 1934, March..... | | | | | | | | 143.3 | | | | | |
| 1935, July..... | | | | | | | | 148.3 | | | | | |
| 1936, January.... | | | | | | | | 134.3 | | | | | |
| 1936, March 12-13 | | 92.3 | 97.0 | 106.2 | | | 130.9 | 154.9 | 186.4 | 182.9 | 185.7 | 189.5 | 190.0 |
| 1936, March 18-19 | 88.9 | 94.3 | 98.9 | 108.1 | | | 125.7 | 157.6 | | | 188.1 | | |
| 1938, September... | | | 90.6 | | | | 128.1 | 148.1 | | | 181.4 | | |
| 1940, April..... | | | 93.6 | | | | 129.2 | 151.6 | | | 183.2 | | |
| 1942, May..... | | | 94.6 | | | | | 152.6 | | | | | |

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Delaware River, (Belvidere, N. J. to Equinunk, Pa.)

| Miles from initial point | 62.8 | 72.4 | 72.5 | 72.6 | 77.5 | 79.6 | 80.1 | 91.6 | 103.1 | 111.8 | 120.0 | 145.0 | 155.5 | 168.8 | 188.9 |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Zero of Gage | 226.43 | | 199.53 | | | | | | 286.06 | 299.93 | 415.35 | 600.38 | | | |
| Flood Stage | | | | | | | | | | | | 433.4 | | | |
| Date | 0.2 ml. below Belvidere Bridge Belvidere, N. J. Gage | PORTLAND, PA. Barber Shop | PORTLAND, PA. Highway Bridge | COLUMBIA, N. J. Washington & Columbia Sts. | DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA. Railroad Station | SHAWNEE, PA. Buckwood Inn | SHAWNEE, PA. Worthington residence | BUSHKILL, PA. Frick Farm | DINGMAN'S FERRY, PA. Highway Bridge | MILFORD, PA. Highway Bridge | Highway Bridge PORT JERVIS, N. Y. Gage | BARRYVILLE, N. Y. 1.6 miles above mouth of Lackawanna River (Gage) | NARROWSBURG, N. Y. | CALLICOON, N. Y. | EQUINUNK, PA. |
| 1786, October.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1841, January.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1846, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1857, May..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1862, June..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1865, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1869, October.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1878, December.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1885, April..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1901, December.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1902, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1903, October.... | 255.1 | 295.8 | 296.1 | 296.2 | 321.6 | | 326.3 | 357.6 | 384.4 | 405.4 | 438.6 *440.8 | | | 761.8 758.4 | 871.9 |
| 1904, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1907, December.... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1913, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1914, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1923, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1924, April..... | 244.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1924, October.... | 245.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1925, February.... | 244.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933, August..... | 246.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1934, March..... | 243.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1935, July..... | 240.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936, January.... | 233.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936, Mar. 12-13.. | 248.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936, Mar. 18-19.. | 251.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1938, September.. | 245.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1940, April..... | 247.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1942, May..... | 247.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 291.7 | 285.3 287.6 287.6 | 316.3 | 319.9 | 352.9 | 379.6 372.9 374.8 375.5 | 400.1 392.3 394.3 395.6 | 431.4 432.9 430.3 430.9 433.1 | 694.8 | 753.4 | 620.9 623.6 | 696.0 | 752.9 | 861.1 |

*Affected by ice.

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

West and East Branches of Delaware River

| | West Branch | | | East Branch | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Miles above mouth | 1.9 | 9.7 | 60 | 11.1 | 17.4 | 51 |
| Zero of Gage | | 946.34 | 1,345.97 | 950.80 | 1,007.96 | 1,303.48 |
| Date | HANCOCK, N. Y. R. R. Bridge junction with East Branch | HALE EDDY, N. Y. Highway Bridge (Gage) | DELHI, N. Y. | FISH EDDY, N. Y. | HARVARD, N. Y. | MARGARETSVILLE, N. Y. |
| 1786, October..... | | | | | | |
| 1841, January..... | | | | | | |
| 1846, March..... | | | | | | |
| 1857, May..... | | | | | | |
| 1852, June..... | | | | | | |
| 1865, March..... | | | | | | |
| 1869, October..... | | | | | | |
| 1878, December..... | | | | | | |
| 1895, April..... | | | | | | |
| 1901, December..... | | | | | | |
| 1902, March..... | | | | | | |
| 1903, October..... | | 966.6 | | 974.4 | | |
| 1904, March..... | | | | | | |
| 1907, December..... | | | | | | |
| 1913, March..... | | 961.6 | | 968.2 | | |
| 1914, March..... | | 960.9 | | 968.2 | | |
| 1923, March..... | | 956.3 | | | | |
| 1924, April..... | | | | | | |
| 1924, Sept-Oct..... | | 962.1 | | 969.8 | | |
| 1925, February..... | | | | | | |
| 1933, August..... | | | | 971.4 | | |
| 1934, March..... | | | | | | |
| 1935, July..... | | 959.0 | | | | |
| 1936, January..... | | | | | | |
| 1936, Mar. 12-13..... | | | | | | |
| 1936, Mar. 18-19..... | | 960.6 | | 970.0 | 1,023.5 | |
| 1938, September..... | | 961.9 | 1,354.8 | 969.0 | 1,024.9 | 1,315.2 |
| 1940, March..... | | 961.3 | 1,353.9 | 967.8 | 1,023.0 | 1,314.0 |
| 1942, May..... | 907.3 | 960.9 | 1,353.4 | 968.0 | 1,022.6 | 1,307.2 |

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Lackawaxen River
Dyberry Creek

| Miles from Mouth | Location | March 1936 | Sept. 1938 | May 1942 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Lackawaxen River | | | | |
| 0.0 | Mouth; junction with Delaware River | | | |
| 4.2 | Rowlands; highway bridge | | | 695.5 |
| 13.4 | P. P. & L. Co.; hydro-electric plant | 828.8 | 824.4 | 841.2 |
| 16.0 | Hawley; recorder gage | 882.6 | 876.6 | 888.9 |
| 16.2 | Hawley; Paupack St. & Falls Ave. | | | 891.7 |
| 16.3 | Hawley; highway bridge; Walwood St. | 887.8 | | 893.2 |
| 16.7 | Hawley; Church St. | | | 896.4 |
| 16.9 | Mouth of Middle Creek | | | |
| 17.1 | Hawley; Main St. near Erie R. R. | | | 901.6 |
| 17.4 | West Hawley; Riverside Bridge | 900.8 | 898.0 | 907.9 |
| 20.9 | White Mills; highway bridge | | | 932.1 |
| 24.79 | Mouth of Cerley Brook | 960.2 | 956.4 | |
| 25.30 | Honesdale; Florence Mills | 964.6 | | 972.3 |
| 25.55 | Honesdale; Fourth St. | 970.0 | 965.4 | 974.8 |
| 25.72 | Honesdale; Sixth St. | 970.8 | 966.0 | 977.6 |
| 25.83 | Honesdale; Eighth St. | 972.3 | 968.6 | 979.4 |
| 25.98 | Honesdale; Court House | 972.5 | | 979.6 |
| 26.15 | Junction with Dyberry Creek | | | |
| 26.28 | Honesdale; Court St. footbridge | 977.4 | 974.0 | 982.7 |
| 26.39 | Honesdale; Main Street | | | 984.3 |
| 26.66 | Honesdale; School | 982.6 | | 988.1 |
| 27.15 | Honesdale; Clark St. | 994.4 | 990.9 | 999.8 |
| 27.45 | | 1,003.9 | | 1,007.8 |
| Dyberry Creek | | | | |
| 0.00 | Junction with Lackawaxen River | | | |
| .04 | Honesdale; highway bridge | 977.1 | 971.4 | 984.1 |
| .31 | Honesdale; Fifteenth St. | 978.4 | | 984.5 |
| .58 | Honesdale; Eighteenth St. | 978.6 | 974.1 | 985.2 |
| .73 | Honesdale; Stanton St. | 979.6 | | 985.8 |
| .88 | Penna. Dept. of Highways shed | 979.5 | 974.7 | 985.9 |
| 1.83 | | | | 986.6 |
| 2.08 | Highway bridge | 979.5 | 975.0 | 986.8 |

Note.- Three greatest floods since 1908.

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Lehigh River (Bethlehem to Allentown)

| Miles from initial point | -1.45 | -0.8 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.15 | 0.3 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.55 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| Zero of Gage | | 208.60 | | 210.94 | | | | | | | | |
| Flood Stage | | | | 226.9 | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Beth. Steel Co. BETHLEHEM, PA. | Recorder Gage BETHLEHEM, PA. | Beth. Steel Co. BETHLEHEM, PA. | New St. Bridge BETHLEHEM, PA. | Reeb Millwork Co. BETHLEHEM, PA. | Fitch Milling Co. BETHLEHEM, PA. | Hill to Hill Bridge down stream side. BETHLEHEM, PA. | Hill to Hill Bridge upstream side. BETHLEHEM, PA. | Sure-fit Slip Cover Co. BETHLEHEM, PA. | Sagoutt Silk Mill C.R.R. of N.J. Sta. Jordan Creek. ALLTOWN, PA. | Below Dam #7 Hamilton St. ALLTOWN, PA. | ALLTOWN, PA. Above Dam #7 |
| 1786, October.. | | | | | | | 228.8 | | | | | 256.4 |
| 1839, January.. | | | | | | | 226.8 | | | | | 257.3 |
| 1841, January.. | | | | | | | 233.8 | | | | | 258.4 |
| 1850, Sept..... | | | | | | 235.3 | 230.8 | | | | | |
| 1862, June..... | | | | | | 234.4 | 230.8 | | | | | |
| 1869, October.. | | | | | | | 230.8 | | | | | |
| 1894, May..... | | | | | | | 230.8 | | | | | |
| 1901, December. | | | | | | | 231.3 | | | | | |
| 1902, February. | 228.7 | | 232.7 | d235.8 | 236.0 | 236.2 | 236.3 | 236.7 | 237.3 | 257.4 | 257.5 | |
| 1920, March.... | | | | | | 228.9 | 231.3 | | | 253.5 | | |
| 1924, Sept..... | | | | | | 229.5 | 230.8 | | | | | |
| 1928, November. | | | | | | 228.5 | 230.8 | | | | | |
| 1933, August.... | 224.3 | 227.3 | 228.3 | | | 232.9 | 230.8 | 233.2 | | 252.6 | 248.3 | 255.8 |
| 1935, July..... | | 227.1 | 228.1 | | | 232.6 | 230.8 | 233.0 | | 254.7 | 250.0 | 255.8 |
| 1936, March 12. | | 225.6 | | 229.8 | | 230.8 | 230.8 | 231.2 | | 250.2 | 251.2 | 255.1 |
| 1936, March 18. | | 224.3 | | | | 229.8 | 230.8 | 231.2 | | 249.6 | | 254.8 |
| 1942, May..... | 229.4 | 232.1 | 253.4 | 236.5 | 236.9 | 237.2 | 237.5 | 238.1 | 231.5 | 256.6 | 256.2 | 260.1 |

*Affected by dam failure.
d0.1 Mile above New Street Bridge.

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN
Lehigh River (Catasauqua to White Haven)

| Miles from initial point | 9.6 | 11.1 | 14.4 | 16.8 | 23.2 | 28.3 | 31.0 | 34.8 | 37.4 | 57.3 | 57.4 | 59.2 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Zero of Gage | | | | | | | 443.9 | | | 1,029.23 | 1,041.80 | |
| Flood Stage | | | | | | | 452.9 | | | | | |
| Date | CATASAUQUA, PA. Above Dam #6 | 0.35 mi. above Copley Street Bridge NORTHAMPTON, PA. Hungarian Hall | LAURYS, PA. Above Dam #5 | TREIGHTLERS, PA. Above Dam #4 | LEHIGH GAP Above Dam #3 | BOWMANSTOWN, PA. Above Dam #2 | Leighton WEISSPORT, PA. Highway Bridge | MAUCH CHUNK, PA. Above Dam #1 | GLEN-ONOKA, PA. C.R.R. of N.J. Tunnel | TANNER, PA. Highway Bridge | TANNER, PA. Recorder Gage | WHITE HAVEN, PA. Above Dam |
| 1786, October.. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1839, January.. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1841, January.. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1850, Sept..... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1862, June..... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1869, October.. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1894, May..... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1901, December. | 287.0 | | 326.1 | 341.7 | 388.3 | 439.0 | 464.7 | 535.0 | 589.8 | cl,037.9 | 1,054.3 | 1,123.9 |
| 1902, February. | 288.6 | | | 343.1 | 389.9 | 440.2 | | 537.1 | | 1,042.4 | 1,054.9 | 1,123.9 |
| 1920, March..... | | | | | | | | | | 1,044.2 | 1,055.1 | 1,124.0 |
| 1924, Sept..... | | | | | | | | | | | 1,054.8 | 1,123.9 |
| 1926, November. | | | | | | | | | | | 1,058.3 | 1,123.9 |
| 1933, August.... | | 289.7 | 325.4 | 341.6 | 386.0 | 456.3 | 460.8 | *b533.2 | | | | |
| 1935, July..... | 284.1 | | 324.8 | 340.5 | 385.2 | 435.9 | 459.8 | a529.9 | | | | |
| 1936, March 12. | 283.8 | 288.4 | 323.6 | 340.5 | | 435.4 | | 525.4 | | | | |
| 1936, March 18. | 282.9 | 292.6 | 322.6 | 340.2 | | 440.5 | 464.6 | 525.2 | 592.1 | 1,055.4 | | |
| 1942, May..... | | 297.3 | 328.1 | | | | | *532.2 | | | | |

*Affected by dam failure.
aAffected by Mauch Chunk Creek.
bDam not since rebuilt.
cAffected by ice.

ELEVATIONS OF MAJOR FLOODS
DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

Schuylkill River

| Miles from Mouth | 8.4 | 15.5 | 20.0 | 23.2 | 35.2 | 52.4 | 73.7 | 95.9 | 99.1 | 113.1 | 118.1 |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Zero of Gage | 5.23 | | | | | 117.81 | 189.50 | | 385.53 | | 599.28 |
| Flood Stage | | | | | | | 199.50 | | 410.6 | | |
| Date | PHILADELPHIA, PA. Fairmount Dam | FLAT ROCK DAM near Manayunk | CONSHOHOCKEN, PA. Dam | NORRISTOWN, PA. Dam | PHOENIXVILLE, PA. Highway Bridge | POTTSTOWN, PA. Hanover St. Bridge | READING, PA. Penn St. Bridge | HAMBURG, PA. Highway Bridge | PORT CLINTON, PA. R. R. Station | SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA. Columbia Street | POTTSTOWN, PA. Palo Alto Hy. Bridge |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1757, July..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1786, October..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1841, January..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1850, July..... | | | | | 90.4 | | | | | | |
| 1850, September..... | | | | | 96.9 | | | | | | |
| 1862, June..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1869, October..... | | | | | 93.8 | | | | | | |
| 1894, May..... | | | | | 92.2 | | | | | | |
| 1902, Feb.-Mer..... | 22.2 | 50.6 | 61.7 | 68.4 | 93.3 | | | | | | |
| 1904, March..... | 20.0 | 48.0 | | 66.1 | | | | | | | |
| 1920, March..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1924, Sept.-Oct..... | | | | | | 138.8 | | | | | |
| 1933, August..... | 19.9 | 48.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1935, July..... | 19.3 | 47.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936, Mar. 12..... | 16.8 | 44.6 | 52.0 | 60.5 | 86.9 | 137.0 | 203.5 | | | | |
| 1942, May..... | 17.7 | 46.0 | 57.9 | 65.1 | 91.3 | 132.7 | 203.5 | 353.3 | 398.3 | 503.9 | 608.1 |
| | | | | | | 138.0 | 204.0 | | | 508.0 | |
| | | | | | | | 206.7 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 205.0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 206.0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 210.0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 205.3 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 210.1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 204.5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 211.5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 207.1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 204.3 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 205.8 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 203.5 | | | | |

*Affected by ice.

FLOOD ELEVATIONS
SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN
LACKAWANNA RIVER

| Miles from Mouth | Location | March 1940 (feet) | May 1942 (feet) |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0.0 | Mouth | | |
| .8 | Duryea, Stevenson St. Bridge (D.S.) | | 565.21 |
| 3.2 | Old Forge (gage); 150 feet above D.L. & W.R.R. bridge | 606.94 | 610.78 |
| 3.9 | Moosic (gage); River St. Bridge | | 632.06 |
| 10.8 | Scranton; Carbon (Olive) St. Bridge; Old U.S.W.B. gage | | 693.05 |
| 11.9 | Scranton; Albright St. Bridge; new U.S.W.B. gage | 694.75 | 697.35 |
| 17.5 | Olyphant (gage); West Lackawanna Street Bridge | 766.61 | 768.38 |
| 23.2 | Archbald (gage); half mile above mouth of White Oak Run | 896.53 | 899.97 |
| 29.1 | Carbondale; D & H R.R. Station | | 1,046.70 |
| 36.1 | Forest City (gage); 4.8 miles above mouth of Elk Creek | 1,429.02 | 1,430.64 |
| 36.5 | Forest City (gage); dam of Scranton-Spring Brook Water Co. | | 1,472.41 |

Note.- Flood of March 1936 reached an elevation of 765.31 feet at Olyphant.

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